

ABSTRACT

A health care network that is used by consumers, such as doctors, patients, nurses, home health care agencies, hospitals, etc. provides access to several different kinds of information created by producers of the information. Specifically, for example, FDA alerts put out by an FDA Alert server are retrieved by the health care network, in background mode or in real-time, and presented to doctors whose patients are effected by the FDA alerts. A patient server that displays alerts to doctors, nurses, etc. while they are viewing a specific patient's information determines if any of the current (or new) FDA alerts need to be brought to the doctor or nurses attention based on information gathered by correlating FDA alerts with the patient's diagnosis, medication, etc. that are available at the patient server. In one embodiment, if the patient server determines that a doctor (or nurse) needs to be alerted to an FDA alert, it creates a communication for the doctor (or nurse) that is subsequently viewed by the doctor (or nurse) when browsing through communications.